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In re Application of: CLASSEN, John Barthelow Art Unit: 1648 Serial No.: 08/591,651 Examiner: SALVOZA, M. Washington, D.C. Filed: February 12, 1996 Atty.'s Docket: CLASSEN=1A For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR AN EARLY VACCINE TO ... Date: March 27, 2007 Confirmation No.: 9417 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office MAR 27 2007 Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Sir: in the above-identified application. Transmitted herewith is an [X] Election with Traverse [XX] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously asserted. Γ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: Small Entity Other Than a Small Entity (Col. 1) (Col. 2) (Col. 3) Claims Highest No. Present Rate Additional Rate Additional Fee Remaining Previously Extra Paid For After Amendment x 25 \$ x 50 Ś Total Minus 0 x200 Ś x100 Ś Minus Indep \$ +360 \$ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim Total ADDITIONAL CLAIMS If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3. ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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Sir:

In response to the supplemental restriction requirement mailed December 13, 2006, directed to added claims 266-303, applicants elect the species of claim 276, i.e., the immunogenic agent is "at least nonavalent".

The restriction is traversed because the species are clearly overlapping in the sense that a nonavalent agent can comprise the immunogens included in an octavalent, nonavalent, etc. agent. In addition, claim 275 ("at least octavalent") includes nonavalent agents.

The restriction is also traversed on the ground that generic claims are allowable. Claims 266, 267, 277-283, and 292-303 were identified as generic. As to the remainder of the added claims, claims 275, 276, and 291 all read on the elected species.

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